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MOSCOW--THE SOVIET PRESS NOVOSTI CHARGED TODAY THAT U.S. AMBASSADOR TO GREECE PHILLIPS TALBOT ORGANIZED THE GREEK MILITARY COUP WITH A VIRTUAL ARMY OF 1,200 CIA AGENTS.

THE NOVOSTI ARTICLE, WRITTEN SPECIALLY FOR LITERARY GAZETTE, SAID TALBOT WAS STILL DIRECTING MANY ACTIVITIES OF THE RULING MILITARY JUNTA UNDER A PLAN CODE NAMED "PROMESTHEUS."

THE PIECE WAS THE LATEST IN A SERIES IN THE SOVIET PRESS BLAMING TALBOT, THE CIA AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT FOR THE APRIL 21 COUP.

"SEVENTY OFFICERS OF THE ARMED FORCES AND THE INTELLIGENCE SERVICES OF THE USA WERE PART OF THE AMERICAN EMBASSY ALONE," NOVOSTI WRITER I. STEPASHOVA WROTE.

"IN THE COUNTRY ABOUT 1,200 OFFICIALLY KNOWN CIA AGENTS WERE IN ACTION," SHE SAID. "FIRST TALBOT ORGANIZED BY DEVIOUS MEANS A SECRET PURGE OF THE GREEK STATE APPARATUS, THE ARMY AND POLICE."

THEN, THE ARTICLE SAID, "ON THE EVE OF THE COUP PHILLIPS TALBOT, TOGETHER WITH A RESIDENT CIA AGENT, HAD SEVERAL CONFIDENTIAL MEETINGS WITH THE LEADERS PREPARING THE COUP."

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